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SUBJECT: YOUTH POLICY: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL

REF: A. STATE 54661; B. STATE 162 67  
C. KUALA LUMPUR A-172, SEPT 1, 1972

BEGIN SUMMARY: COMPOSITION AND LEVEL OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, SLATED FOR EAST BERLIN JULY 28-AUG 5, NOT YET DETERMINED. HOWEVER, GOM WISHES MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE, DESPITE " OBLIGATION" TO ATTEND IN CONSONANCE WITH MALAYSIA'S NON- ALIGNED POSTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING GOM MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS OFFICIAL, COMPOSITION AND LEVEL OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL NOT YET DETERMINED BUT ANWAR IBRAHIM, CHAIRMAN OF MALAYSIAN YOUTH COUNCIL ( MYC), IS EXPECTED TO HEAD DELEGATION. SEVERAL OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WILL ALSO BE REPRESENTED ON DELEGATION. ALTHOUGH HIGH- RANKING GOM OFFICIAL SUCH AS CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER HAMZAH ( WHO ATTENDED WAY CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER LAST YEAR) IS NOT EXPECTED TO LEAD DELEGATION, LOWER- RANKING MINISTRY OFFICIAL MAY SHEPHERD GROUP.

2. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, GOM IS ANXIOUS TO DOWNPLAY PROPAGANDA EFFECT OF FESTIVAL BUT NOTED THAT MALAYSIA IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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" OBLIGATED" TO SEND DELEGATION IN CONSONANCE WITH ITS NON-  
ALIGNED POSTURE. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOM WISHES AVOID TOO  
CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS  
AND HOPES TO KEEP CONTACTS TO MINIMUM.

3. COMMENT: MALAYSIANS HAVE GENERALLY HAD LOW LEVEL OF  
INTEREST IN GLOBAL YOUTH CONCLAVES, IRRESPECTIVE OF SPON-  
SORSHIP. THEIR INTERESTS ARE MORE DOMESTICALLY- ORIENTED AND  
MOST YOUTH LEADERS WISH CONCENTRATE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES  
ON REGIONAL PROGRAMS. AS IN CASE OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATION  
BEHAVIOR AT LAST YEAR' S WAY CONFERENCE ( SEE REF C), THEY  
ARE LIKELY TO BE FAIRLY INCONSPICUOUS IN GENERAL BROUHAHA.  
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